MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether Government's position is that unless and until the people of these localities do conform to the rules of the ryots' roads, they cannot get that road according to the rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, as at present.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the construction of that road could be taken under any of the rules excluding the ryots' road rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If the importance of the road justifies its construction and if money is available it would be done. But here its conversion into a cart road it is not justified.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether allotment is not made for the construction of that road in this year's budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, there is a sum of Rs. 1,000, but the work cannot be done.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether that allotment was made without considering the importance of the trace or road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildngs and Irrigation*) : The allotment was made for carrying out a few repairs after the road is taken over for departmental maintenance.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether it is not possible with this Rs. 1,000 to construct at least half a mile or a quarter of a mile of the road?

PRESIDENT : How many more hours do you require, Mr. Nair, for this one question?

The Kallara—Aruvipuram Trace.

77. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the distance of Kallara—Aruvipuram trace from the headquarters of the Chief Engineer ;

(*b*) whether the present Chief Engineer has inspected the above trace at any time:

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether he has understood that the conversion of the above trace into a cart road is most useful and it is less difficult ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, why he has not inspected the trace, in spite of repeated representations, in the old Popular Assembly and in this Assembly, that the importance of the trace warrants its immediate conversion into a cart road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) About 25 miles.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise.

(*d*) The trace is not considered as one of importance.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the Government whether the importance of a trace is taken into consideration on the demand for it on the part of the people as well as the necessity for that road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I do not think this road is an important one. The road was inspected by my predecessor in 1913 and he has stated that the road is not a very important one.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) ; Sir, I would correct the member. When the official member's predecessor in office inspected the site I was also present and he ordered at the spot he ordered the Section Officer and the Sub-Division Officer, to submit an estimate immediately in view of the importance of the road and its use.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Sir, what I said is the information that I gather from my file.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government, if they have no objection, would give out the information which the present Chief Engineer's predecessor has recorded in the file with the Chief Engineer ?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : If the member gives me notice he can get the information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Did not the official member say that the information is before him now ? I request him to give it out. When I challenge his statement he says that he wants notice.

MR. SADASYATILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*) : Sir a point of order : May I know whether it is open to a member of this House to cross-examine another member when information is given basing arguments on its logicality ?

PRESIDENT : A supplementary question is entirely intended to elicit further information on the same matter or to clarify the information already given. Supplementary questions cannot be used for any other purpose.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Sir, a point of order. May I know whether non-official members are not right when they put supplementary questions for eliciting further information when the member is in possession of that information ?

PRESIDENT : But the point of order was not that. The point of order was whether one member is entitled to cross-examine the Government member just as a Vakil cross-examines a witness before a court of law. That was the point of order ; and I said no member has got a right to cross-examine another member.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : When the member putting the question is himself in possession of the information, is he at liberty to put supplementary questions for that information ?

PRESIDENT : The member who has got the information in order to ascertain whether that information is not correct shall so word the question as "is that not so and so".

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Governmen when the predecessor of the present Chief Engineer inspected the site

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Some time in 1933.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the remarks he has recorded as a result of his inspection ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): My information is that the area in which the road is asked for is a thinly populated one.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, a point of order. I never sought the information of the official member. I sought the exact wording of the report because the official member said that he has got the report which is against the interests of the people of the locality. So I demand the disclosure of the Report.

PRESIDENT: I think he was giving the information based on the Report.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I said I have not got the file before me and I asked the honourable member to give me notice or put an interpellation.

The Kallara—Aruvipuram Trace.

78. * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what action the Government have taken so far in the face of repeated representations made in the old Assembly and in this Assembly in the matter of the conversion of the Kallara—Aruvipuram race into a cart road ;

(*b*) whether the Government have made any provision in the coming year's (1111) budget for the improvement of the above trace into a cart road ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the people owning lands on both sides of the trace are willing to surrender lands, if necessary, free of compensation for the conversion of the trace into a cart road ; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that the trace passes through an important agricultural centre in the Nedumangad taluk ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer has been asked to submit an estimate for the work.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The information is noted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government when the estimate for the construction of the road was called for from the P. W. D ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): In October 1935.

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